(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such situation occurring frequently in the State;

(d) whether the Government are also aware of the fact that the people suffering from starvation are not getting full assistance provided by the Central Government meant for drought/starvation;

(e) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(f) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Even though Government of Orissa have reported drought conditions in varying degrees in many parts of the State, due to deficient rainfall during South West Monsoon, 1996, it has not reported any instance of death due to starvation.

(c) As the State depends on rainfall for its crop production, a poor monsoon results in failure of crops and resultant drought conditions.

(d) No, Sir. Government of India is regularly monitoring and reviewing implementation of these programmes to achieve the desired level of targeting.

(e) and (f). Do not arise.

[Translation]

Uniform Procurement Policy

731. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the absence of Uniform Procurement Policy in the country different varieties of agroproducts have been kept under different categories in different States;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether certain State Governments have drawn attention of the Union Government towards this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). No, Sir. Government is following a uniform procurement policy. The Minimum Support Prices fixed for major agricultural commodities are uniformly applicable through-out the country. The prescribed specifications for procurement of foodgrains at Minimum Support Prices are also unifrom all over the country.

(c) to (e). A representation had been received from Punjab Government about PR - 106 variety of paddy being accepted as Fine instead of Superfine. It has been clarified that although this variety of paddy is categorised as Superfine, in some cases, it may be accepted as Fine if the admixture of lower groups of paddy was higher than the prescribed limit.

[English]

Smuggling of Arms

732. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge quantum of smuggled arms has been seized during the month of September, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of persons arrested so far; and

(c) the action being taken to stop smuggling of arms in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wheat Production

733. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Agriculture scientists have worked out a comprehensive plan to raise wheat production in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to bring more land under wheat production and to raise production thereof; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Main thrust points to raise wheat production during *rabi* 1996-97 are :

1. Greater emphasis on timely sowing (mid November) in all regions to enhance input use efficiency and achieve high productivity.
2. Replacement of old disease susceptible varieties with new improved ones. Attempts would be made to replace HD 2329 with PBW 343, WH 542 and UP 2338 in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh; HUW 234, Sonalika and HUW 206 with Sonali, K 8804, Vishali, K 9006 and K 8962 in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

3. Encouraging cultivation of superior export quality-durum wheat in Punjab, Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. Suitable varieties for this purpose are PDW 215, PDW 233 and WH 896 for Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh while Raj 1555 and HI 8381 are good for Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat.

4. Other measures to increase wheat production and productivity include (i) application of zinc sulphate in light soils under the rice-wheat system in Punjab and Haryana @ 25 kg/ha and 10 tonnes FYM/ha; (ii) popularisation of Pantnagar Zero Tillage seed drill to sow wheat immediately after harvest of rice to ensure timely sowing and to reduce production costs; (iii) encouraging the cultivation of sunflower, chickpean, vegetable pea, potato, *rabi* maize, berseem etc. after every 1-2 cycles of rice-wheat rotation to break the monotony of the system in Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh to sustain high levels of productivity as also to control *phalaris minor* in severely infested fields.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. There is no specific proposal to bring more land under wheat production but efforts are being made to raise productivity to increase wheat production.

Fudging of Records by Police

734. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Police officials fudged records, took booty home, alleges informer: CBI to probe bungling by Cops in 7yr. - old narcotics case" appearing in the *Indian Express* dated October 19, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has submitted its Report in this matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether similar type of cases have occurred in the past also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure the non-recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The CBI, after considering the matter in depth in the light of earlier reports of inquiry conducted by a Sub Divisional Magistrate, etc., are, however, of the view that it is not a fit case for further investigation by the CBI, inter alia, on the ground that the police officer who had effected the seizure has since passed away.

(d) to (f). The CBI and Delhi Police have reported that no such case has come to their notice.

[Translation]

Atrocities on Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

735. SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of atrocities committed on Women, Children and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Backward Classes in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of women raped and beaten up nakedly, State-wise; and

(c) the number of persons arrested so far in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). Available information relating to atrocities committed on women, children and scheduled castes/ scheduled tribes during the year 1995 is given in the enclosed statement.

(c) 18,880 persons were arrested for rape during 1994, as per latest available figures in this regard.

STATEMENT

Incidence of Crimes Committed Against Women, Children, Scheduled Castes, and Scheduled Tribes during the year, 1995.

S.No.	State/UT	Women		Children	SCs	STs
		Total	Rape			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
States						
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9810	34	75	1764	165
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	81	24	3	0	2